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### **SUFFOLK POLICE MAKE MARIJUANA-GROWING OPERATION BUST**

SUFFOLK, VA (May 10, 2012) The Suffolk Police Department Special Investigation Unit, along with members of the Suffolk Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team, executed a search warrant in the 400 block of Vicksburg Road today, May 10, 2012.

During the search of the property, a marijuana-growing operation was discovered, along with over 100 viable marijuana plants capable of producing a total of over 100 pounds of marijuana at full maturity. Also discovered at this location was an alcohol still that was in current production, as well as four firearms and related ammunition. The still operation is being investigated by the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Department of Law Enforcement, headed by Special Agent in Charge Robert Brooks.

Leslie Vanhooose, 59, of Suffolk, Virginia, is being charged with manufacturing marijuana as well as conspiracy. Justin Carr, 24, of Suffolk, Virginia, is being charged with manufacturing marijuana, conspiracy, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Johnathan Brown, 24, of Suffolk, Virginia, is being charged with manufacturing marijuana as well as conspiracy.

Investigator Jake Lyons is the lead investigator for Suffolk Police.

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